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HUNDREDS OF LOW-INCOME FAMILIES RECEIVE HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS

County Events Provide Toys and Food to Those in Need

Los Angeles, December 22, 2016 – Each year, the Community Development Commission (CDC) and Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) enlist the help of local partners, staff, and volunteers to help make the holidays a little merrier for hundreds of Los Angeles County residents.



The Community Resource Center in South Whittier was bustling with holiday cheer during its 20th Annual Holiday Basket and Toy Giveaway. Boxes filled with all the trimmings for a holiday meal were distributed to approximately 300 families, along with gifts for over 600 children. More than 75 volunteers from the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Sheriff's Department–Norwalk Station, Shelter Partnership, the Los Angeles County Departments of Probation and Children and Family Services, California Highway Patrol, local Girl and Boy Scout troops, and various other community groups, dedicated hundreds of hours of their time to bring this wonderful event to life.

Additionally, HACoLA hosted a series of holiday events at its public housing developments, as well as at its administrative offices in the Cities of Alhambra and Palmdale, where over 200 Section 8 Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program families were treated to food, games, music, and pictures with Santa to keep as a memento. Throughout the events, nearly 1,400 public housing and more than 600 FSS Program youth received holiday gifts, and over 800 public housing families received holiday food baskets. Further, Rick Lozano of KTTV Los Angeles selected 70 HACoLA youth to participate in a shopping spree at Toys R Us.



The agency's County-wide holiday events were made possible through the generosity of the California Highway Patrol, Lomita Sherriff's Department, Cottonwood Church, The Basket Brigade, East Los Angeles College Criminal Justice Department, and Target Stores. The CDC and HACoLA were also especially grateful for the outpouring of donations from neighboring businesses located in the City of Alhambra such as 85⁰ C Bakery, Costco, AMC Theaters, Tom's Toys, Starbucks, First National Book Bank, and many others who graciously donated toys, food, and monetary donations to help give families a holiday to remember.



In total, the CDC and HACoLA distributed gifts to over 2,600 low-income youth throughout Los Angeles County, spreading the holiday spirit!



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